

QUIET OBSERVER.

Do NOT try to find out who writes this column. The Editor only knows on condition that he keeps the secret.

THERE are some men and women—members of the Brethren church, who will have to give an account for a neglect of duty. Who? Who??

WELL, to begin, there are those who are *talented writers* from whom we seldom receive a contribution. They have been asked to write. How do I know? The EDITOR announced it to his readers. Printed your names, even your subjects. Did you promise to write? Of course you did.

NO BROTHER Editor, I am not finding fault with the paper. I am well pleased with it. But I think I know something of your embarrassment caused by the failure of those who promised to write and upon whose promises you made announcements which have not been carried out.

THERE is now and then a spirit read in some of the published contributions that is somewhat amusing to the well informed liberal reader. Take for example the assertion that the Gospel is not to be interpreted, simply to be taken at what it says. Pray what does it say? Take the subject of *Church Organization*, the proper officers in such organization. It is difficult for one accustomed to think carefully to see how *any* position on this subject could be aught else than an interpretation of the texts.

EQUALLY amusing is the spirit of a writer who thinks that HE alone knows how to interpret, and that any interpretation differing from his is unscriptural and hence anti-Gospel.

I HAVE observed :

That the denominations accomplishing the greatest work for God in the present age are those which have carefully and thoroughly organized all their resources.

That those denominations which laid a broad foundation for the *liberal education* of their ministry are those which have impressed the times and people.

That the Brethren church can not afford to ridicule and belittle the successful experience of others as she has hitherto passively or openly done.

THE Spirit is the only infallible commentator on the Word of God, the revealer of mysteries, the expositor of precepts, the remembrancer of promises, the inspirer of prayer.—*H. White.*

Personal Mention.

Brother Darling preached at Ankneytown last Sabbath.

Brother S. H. Bashor is holding a meeting at Lanark, Ill.

Brother D. A. Hopkins reports four accessions at Tiosa, Ind.

Sister Grossnickle spent Sabbath with the church at Ankneytown.

Brother C. Forney, received one member by baptism, Sabbath morning, Jan. 26.

Brother Summers closed a very successful revival at Salem church, Ind., with six accessions.

Sister Laura Grossnickle spent a day and night with us last week. Always welcome, sister.

Brother Ridenour is holding a revival meeting at Marion, Ind., with good success. Report later.

Brother J. C. Mackey is engaged in revival work at Salisbury, Pa.,—one of his regular appointments.

The meeting at Milledgeville, Ill., conducted by the pastor, Brother Talley is still in progress. Seven accessions.

Brethren C. Forney and S. H. Bashor, recently held a series of meetings at a mission point about ten miles from Brooklyn, Ia.

The Pleasant View church presented brother I. N. Miller a beautiful watch as a Christmas present. He is not the only minister who is "watched."

Brother Tully informs us that the meeting at Claypool, Ind., held by brother D. A. Hopkins, closed with fifteen accessions, five of whom came from the K. C. Society.

Brethren S. W. Wilt of Clifton Mills, W. Va., and John Showalter of Parkersburg, W. Va., commenced a protracted meeting in the Prosperity congregation, W. Va., Febr. 9, 1896.

THE following is a paragraph from the tract "Boys and Young Men :"

"Boys and young men, do not be led into slavery by the example of those already enslaved, but retain your "personal liberty." Save your money, and spend no portion of it except for some useful purpose. The young man who saves his money is not likely to spend the money of others when it is entrusted to his care, and consequently can generally be trusted—he has always the first chance with cautious men."

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

To bring the churches of the Brotherhood into closer touch with the College and to afford to deserving young persons an opportunity to attend at least one term at a very small outlay of money, we have decided to make this unusually liberal offer.

Upon the recommendation of any congregation of the Brethren church, two students named by the congregation, will be admitted to any literary course for the spring term of twelve weeks, beginning April 1, 1896, on payment of \$36.00 for each student.

This offer includes tuition for a full term of twelve weeks in the regular literary course, good boarding with an abundance of well prepared wholesome food at the Hall, a comfortably furnished room together with fuel and light, and in fact covers every item of necessary expense except for laundry.

As one purpose in making these extremely liberal terms is to secure new patronage which we hope afterward to retain, and thus largely increase the permanent attendance, the offer is limited to those who are recommended by a congregation of the Brethren church, and who have never been enrolled as students of the University, and is good only for the Spring Term of 1896, beginning April 1st.

TO PARENTS.

1. Have you a son or daughter who wants to go to school? To have a child who manifests an inclination for intellectual pursuits is something of which you may well be proud.

2. Encourage such a child. Don't tell him to wait until the mortgage is lifted or until "times get better." There is a time to sow. There is a time to go to school. That time is youth.

3. Don't imagine you are too poor to send him. It is true that "a father's grave had better be left without a monument than his child without an education."

4. Don't keep your children out of school because you "can't spare them." Give them a chance now, and they will rise up in after years to call your memory blessed because of the sacrifice you made for them.

5. What kind of a school should you select? The one which will furnish the best intellectual and moral training and in which the influences thrown around your children tend to cultivate in them the spirit of loyalty to your own church.

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GOD's work never waits on the man who is not ready.